

# VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

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## ***Bula Vinaka and a warm welcome to a brand-new week!***

As a new academic year begins across the nation, I extend my heartfelt best wishes to all our preschool, primary and secondary school children who are returning to classrooms with fresh hopes, new uniforms and big dreams. To every child taking their first steps into learning, and to those continuing their journey, may this year be one of growth, confidence and discovery.

To our teachers, I offer my deepest appreciation and warmest encouragement. As a former educator myself, I know that teaching is far more than a profession—it is a calling. You shape minds, nurture character and often change lives in ways that cannot be measured. Your patience, sacrifice and belief in your students matter more than you may ever realise. I wish you strength, joy and fulfilment as you guide the next generation.

At this time, I also extend warm wishes to our Australian colleagues and partners on the occasion of Australia Day, and to our Indian community as you celebrate Republic Day. We value the friendships, partnerships and shared values that continue to strengthen our global FNU family.

I wish to sincerely thank everyone who has shown up at our FNU Roadshow venues across the nation. Your presence, your questions and your trust remind us why access to education must never be limited by geography or circumstance.

My heartfelt appreciation goes to the Division of Marketing and Communications, staff from IT and Academic Services as well as our academics, who have travelled tirelessly—often far from home, to ensure that no Fijian is deprived of access to quality, affordable education. Your dedication truly reflects the spirit and values of the Fiji National University.

I also acknowledge and thank Bondwell and the Fiji Revenue and Customs Service (FRCS) for coming on board as partners for the 2026 Roadshow. Your support strengthens our outreach and reinforces the collective responsibility we share in building informed, empowered and resilient communities.

I wish to remind all Fijians that this is the final week of the FNU Roadshow, and I strongly encourage those who have not yet attended to do so. Our teams will be back in Taveuni and Levuka this Thursday, Friday and Saturday, ensuring that these communities once again have the opportunity to engage, ask questions and take the next step towards their future. Please do not miss out.

In closing, I wish to reassure our students, parents and stakeholders that despite all that may be happening around us, the quality of education delivered at the Fiji National University remains uncompromised. Our commitment to academic excellence stands firm, and the wellbeing of our students continues to be our highest priority—always!

To our new and returning students, I encourage you to visit our Facebook page to find your orientation dates and begin preparing for an exciting and rewarding academic year ahead. A new chapter awaits—filled with learning, friendships and opportunities to grow.

Let us move forward with hope, purpose and confidence, knowing that together, as one FNU community, we are crafting futures and transforming lives together.

Vinaka vakalevu and have a blessed week ahead.

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